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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed March 16, 2005, Applicant re-submits the "Amendments to the Claims" section of Supplemental Amendment D, filed on August 18, 2004, which now reflects the proper status identifier for each claim.

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